

In the abstract:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

A system and method for providing secure ~~E-mail~~ message services. The system includes a forwarding service to receive an ~~E-mail~~ message for delivery to a recipient. The system checks for ~~recipient~~-preferences for delivery of the ~~E-mail~~ message content including encryption preferences and notifies the recipient or delivers the message according to the encryption preferences. The system ~~also~~-includes an interoperability engine to determine delivery preferences ~~of the sender~~ including security preferences, the security preferences indicating a security protocol by which the ~~E-mail~~ message can be securely delivered to the recipient.